

## THE DISTRICT FREEDMEN

PROPOSING EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION PROMISED FOR TO-DAY.

**Senator Sparks Denies Advising Clerks  
to Insert Their Democratic Papers—He In-  
serts His Own Index Expurgatorious, But  
Others Free.**

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th Division—Germanstown club; George Phillips, chief of division; John Norris, aid; John O. Minor, left aid.  
th Division—Drum corps; Robert Johnson, chief of division; Robert Johnson, Jr., right John Pollard, left aid.  
th Division—Rockville band; John F. Nelson, chief of division; Lewis Willis, right E. L. Webster, left aid; Hod Carriers' L. Robinson, president.

of the features in the line will be a fire  
ny, organized among the colored men  
occasion, fully outfitted, clothed in  
m, and equipped with horse carriage.  
line of march will be along Four-and-a-  
rect to Pennsylvania avenue, thence to  
th front of the capitol, to B street south-  
Pennsylvania avenue, to Fifth street  
st, to East Capitol, to First street,  
along First street to B street northeast,  
B street to New Jersey avenue, and along  
ersey avenue to C street, thence along  
t to Indiana avenue, to Four-and-a-half  
northwest, to Pennsylvania avenue,  
to the capitol, to the east front of the

the review by the District commis-  
sioner, thence along Pennsylvania avenue,  
to the grounds of the executive mansion,  
going in review by the President of the  
United States and Cabinet, to Pennsylvania  
avenue, and along Pennsylvania avenue to  
Fifth street, thence to New Hampshire  
avenue, to I. street northwest, along I. street  
to Fifth street, Twelfth to I street, along I  
street to New York avenue, along New York  
avenue to Ninth street, to K street, to New  
avenue, to I. street, along I. street to

street, along Third to Indiana avenue, Hall, passing in review by chief marshal, and be afterward dismissed ; the celebration in the evening will place at Lincoln Memorial Church, corner of Eleventh and R streets. Reg- Bruce will preside, and the speakers be Frederick Douglass, orator of the tion; Prof. J. M. Gregory, A. St. A. n. Rev. R. S. Laws, J. T. Johnson.

W. C. Chase, who will read the Emancipation Edict." There will be music.

The final meeting of the committee on arrangements of the South Washington Convention for the emancipation celebration will be held at Law's Seminary last evening.

A report of the committee on finance stated that a sufficient amount had been raised to defray the expenses of the convention.

W. C. Chase advises the colored people to keep their children from school, notwithstanding the action of the school board.

Commissioner Sparks Denies  
that He Desires to Interfere With  
Republican Papers.

Several newspapers have published an  
ed conversation with Commissioner of  
Land Office Sparks, quoting him as  
saying that he found a great deal of Re-  
publican literature in his department, and

hereafter he would have only news-  
s which preached good, sound Demo-  
c doctrine. This article induced  
r clerks, not only in the land office  
a other departments, to cut off their  
y of papers that gave the best news,  
o substitute journals with which it  
ey to propagate one-sided news and

The commissioner was interrogated as to the authenticity of the alleged interview by a reporter yesterday. He said he once laughingly made the remark to a friend, but his meaning had been misinterpreted. "There are some things that I would not take," he said. "The New York Tribune, Chicago Inter-Ocean, and Cincinnati Commercial Gazette might take them, but I don't take them."

"It's natural for me to take papers of my color, and I take them. But the others have made too much of a mountain out of an extremely small mole hill, but I think it's important enough to talk about. Who cares for the political status of a newspaper? Its the news people who care."

restricting clerks from taking Mexican papers?" Shaw, that's nonsense. The clerks take what they want, and I'll get suits me. I don't like this system of government paying for newspapers officials, but as long as they do a man the right to select what pleases him."

hygienic department of the Women's Christian Temperance Union met yesterday afternoon at 147 G street. Mrs. A. E. Bovee on the "Elements of Food." Miss Kinsave "A Common-Sense Talk on Diet." Platt's essay was on "Exercise." Miss spoke of the "Devastating Pie." The will hold an institute shortly, to be conducted by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of Battle Creek,

**Ex-Hebel Lawton Eligible.**  
The Attorney General has given an opinion to the President sustaining the eligibility of Lawton, of Georgia, for appointment as minister to Russia.

**The Dolphin Board.**  
A board of naval officers appointed to inspect the dispatch boat Dolphin will proceed tomorrow to New York to-day to make an inspection of the vessel.

**LOCAL BRIEFLETS.**

The night lodging house will be closed to public on the 19th instant. Since the 1st inst 252 lodgers have been accommodated 362 meals furnished.

The ladies of the Borne Missionary Society, Methodist churches, Mrs. Senator Telford, will give a reception and social at Dry Church next Tuesday evening.

The German Orphan Asylum Association held its semi-annual meeting last evening at the office of Hon. Simon Wolf, the president.

The first ball of the season of Harmony Society of Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F., was held at the old Fellows' Hall, East Washington, last evening, and was largely attended. During the evening a company of sixteen young men rendered a very creditable broom drill, under the command of Mel. Dunn.

Children's missionary mass-meeting will be held at the Congressional Church Saturday, 2:30 p. m., the following Sunday also participating: New York Avenue and Presbyterian, Metropolitan M. E. St., St. English Lutheran, Assembly, and Calvary, and First Congregational. The program will be illustrated by Negro, Army, and Oriental songs will be furnished.